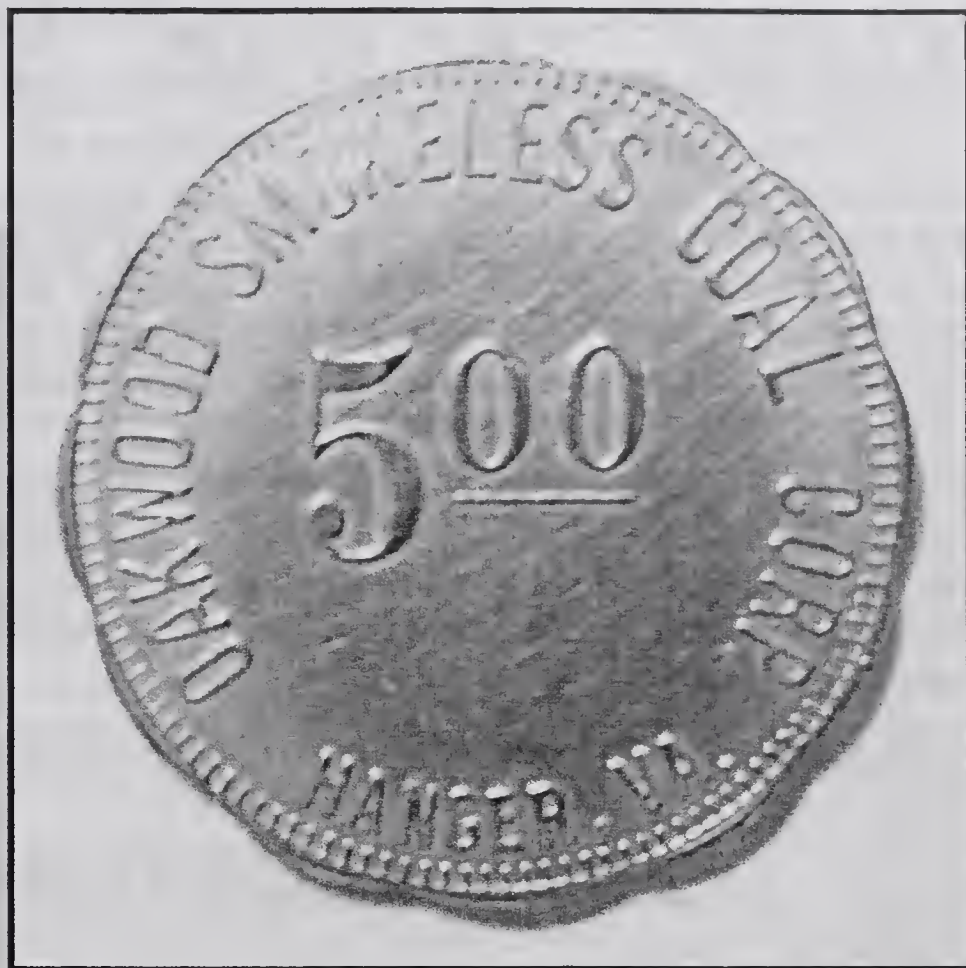


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The **National Scrip Collectors Association** was officially organized on October 21, 1972 in Fayetteville WV. The objective of the organization is to promote the collection of coal company scrip and related tokens, to cultivate good relations between collectors of scrip tokens, and to encourage the study and research of the history of coal mining companies as it relates to the usage of scrip tokens. The scope of the **NCSA** includes tokens from other industries, as well, such as lumber, phosphate, hard rock, limestone, copper, gold & silver, brick & clay, cotton & textile, paper, iron & steel, agricultural, and others.

The *Scrip Talk* newsletter welcomes reader submissions on the history of scrip and the related industries that used it. Feel free to submit any ideas, articles or photography that would be of interest to our members. We will gladly credit contributors and, upon request, return submitted items. You may use the mailing address below, or to e-mail information to: ktraube@suddenlink.net.



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Spring Scrip Show

April 18 & 19, 2008

Beckley, West Virginia

The *National Scrip Collectors Association* will be holding its annual Spring Scrip Show in Beckley, WV, on April 18 & 19, 2008. The meeting begins at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, the 18th, with a free catered banquet for club members, supplied by the **NSCA**, followed by vendor displays in the conference room for buying selling, and trading. Tables will be set up with thousands of pieces of scrip and a variety of mining-related memorabilia. Contact Jim Singleton [304-442-8214] if you would like to rent a table to display and sell at the show; or with any questions

The best way to expand the hobby of scrip collecting is to involve new people, so members are encouraged to invite a friend or to mention the show to others who might have an interest. Visitors are welcome to participate.

The Beckley area is known for several attractions: shopping & antique malls, restaurants, miniature golf, the New River Gorge Bridge, and the Exhibition Coal Mine. Southern West Virginia is currently creating the Coal Heritage Trail, a scenic driving tour through the historic coal town areas of the past, a development that will further spur interest in scrip and scrip collecting. Come ready to make friends and trade scrip!



All activities will be at the Beckley, WV, Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites. The facility is located less than 1 mile west of I-77/64 at the Harper Road exit; Exit 44. For room reservations: 304/252-2250 or 866/270-5110. Mention the **NSCA**.

Appalachian Scrip & Token Show

The Appalachian Scrip & Token *Buy, Sell, & Trade Show* will be at Perry Memorial United Methodist Church in Shady Spring, WV, on Saturday, January 12; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring a friend—everyone is welcome!

Pure D Coal Company

by
Steve Cawood

The Pure D Coal Company has always been a mystery to me.

The Mary Helen Coal Corporation was the real mine that had the big rail mine on Turtle Creek on Martin's Fork (of the Cumberland River) at Coalgood, in Harlan county, KY. It had succeeded my grandfather's Lena Rue Coal Company (1607A) in the 1920's, and was a large multiple seam deep mine served by the L & N Railroad. It employed several hundred men, with a large camp and commissary (KY 609 A-C) that operated up until the 1960's, when it was purchased by the Sigmon family from North Carolina. The Mary Helen Coal Corporation was (and still is) owned by the Gravatt family of Blackstone, VA, William M. "Bill" Gravatt, Jr. being the principal in those years.

During the 1980's, Bill Gravatt's son, Mayo Gravatt, a lawyer, gave me an uncirculated set of Orco-minted Pure D scrip (KY 609 E), but he knew nothing about the company or the scrip. Most of the coal lands on Turtle Creek are, or were, owned by my family, Hall Land & Mining (now part of Kentucky River Coal), or Mary Helen. Neither the Cawood's nor the Hall's records reflect that they ever leased or consented to a sublease of Pure D. The Kentucky Department of Mine & Minerals files reflect no record of a license ever being issued for Pure D to mine coal, at Coalgood or elsewhere. The Mary Helen commissary, a large concrete and brick two-story building, was the only store on Turtle Creek. The L & N's records reflect no shipping point for Pure D Coal Company.

But it did exist, at least numismatically (as many of us have its scrip in our collections), and legally, as well. Articles for the Pure D Coal Company were recorded with the Harlan County, KY, Court Clerk on August 6, 1960, and with the Kentucky Secretary of State the day before. The incorporators were recorded as James ("Jim") Samson (deceased, the leading coal lawyer in the Harlan area of that day), Burnice Ray (unknown to me), and W. M. Gravatt, Jr. (Mary Helen's Bill Gravatt).

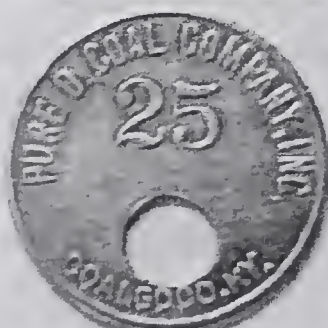
From what I know, though, the Osbourne Register Company (Orco) was not even making scrip in 1960 ... or was it??

Stuart E. Brown, in his seminal work, Scrip, on page 168 quotes a DODRILL article in the December 1970 *Scrip Talk* for the proposition that Orco-4 pieces were made "as late as 1958". Gordon Dodrill, himself, in his classic 20,000 Coal Company Stores, on page 208 in the date column, shows "1951- " with no figure for the number of employees. Edkins Catalog, in describing Orco-4, merely gives a range of 1939 to 1958. I do not have Keystones that cover the 1950's and 60's.

So, this is as far as the story goes for me. No coal leased. No production records. I've never seen any Pure D scrip that was well-worn, let alone any that had been dug up. Was this one of the last orders for Orco? Was this an ill-fated attempt to produce the Darby seam (the D in Pure D) without a union contract, Mary Helen historically being a UMW signatory?

Does anyone know the rest of the story?

You can contact Steve at: sccawood@bellsouth.net.





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I recently took over the task of logging all new finds. Since the last meeting in Cumberland Gap I have logged over 25 new tokens. Many of these popped up on *ebay*. Others were submitted by club members.

It is important for all club members to reveal all new finds so that they can be logged for future information and reference books. Just by looking at the current reference books it is revealed that those missing tokens must have been produced at one time. Slowly many of these tokens are showing up, especially on *ebay*.

Two recent new finds are significant. One is a \$1.00, New River & Pocahontas from Newhall, West Virginia. The other is Proctor Coal Company from Indian Mountain, Tenn. The Proctor token is not listed any where. It could possibly be incorrectly listed in Dodrill from Jellico, Tenn. I found the location by an internet search.

You can send me new finds information by either an aluminum foil tracing or an internet digital picture of both sides of the token.

Thanks.

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Landgraff, W VA, 1559 (McDowell)

Empire Coal & Coke D25 Ni 23 Rd Sd
 Orco Reg US Pat Off

Red Ash, Kv, 2363 (Whitley)

The Proctor Coal Co B100 Br 35 Rd Sd
 Good For / 100 / In Merchandise

Linton, Indiana, 1645 (Greene)

J W Wolford & Sons A25 Bi 27 Rd Sd
 Good For / 25 / In Merchandise

Lick Creek, Tenn (Campbell)

The Lick Creek Coal Company
 A5 Br 20 Rd Co ISC Will Pay in Trade 100
 A10 Ni 22 Rd Co
 A25 ? 24 Rd Co
 A50 B 30 Rd Co
 A100 Ni 35 Rd Co

Rockport, Ky 2347 (Ohio)

H. L. Tucker / Coal Co. / Rockport, / Ky. A1 Br 18 Rd Sd
 Good For / 1 / In Merchandise

Earlington, Kv 865 (Hopkins)

West Kentucky Coal Co, Inc D5 Al 20 Rd Sd
 Miners Order / Advance Bearer / 5 cents / In Merchandise

Simmons, Ky 2593 (Ohio)

Broadway Coal Mining Co. / Simmons, / Ky. A10 Br 24 Rd Sd
 Good For / 10 cents / In Merchandise (Shaded denomination)

Broadway Coal Mining Co. / Simmons, / Key B50 Al 30 Rd Sd
 Good For / 50 cents / In Merchandise

Fork Ridge, Tenn 1047 (Claiborne)

Rennebaum Coal Company, C25b Br 24 Rd Co
 Orco Reg US Pat Off Merchandise / Only Not / Transferable
 6 diamonds on reverse, 2 stars on front.

Premium Coal Company

Williamson, Mingo County

On July 21, 1926, the Premium Coal Company placed an order of 1000 pieces of scrip with the Ingle-Schierloh Company. The denominations were 300 pennies, 150 nickels, 150 dimes, 100 quarters, 100 halves, and 200 one dollar pieces.

Premium had acquired part of the works of Kenner McCoy Coal Company on June 1, 1926, and had been using the McCoy scrip until able to purchase their own. Kenner McCoy was operating another mine at a different location and wanted their scrip back.

The new scrip was to be all brass with no cut-outs. Ingle-Schierloh shipped the order by Railway Express on August 6th. It soon arrived in Williamson but was never picked up by anyone from Premium Coal Company.

After repeated attempts to collect their money, Ingle-Schierloh requested the freight agent at Williamson to return the shipment to them, which he did on September 16, and billed Ingle-Schierloh ninety-eight cents—forty-nine cents each way. The scrip was received in Dayton on September 22.

Ingle-Schierloh turned the matter over to their attorneys in Dayton, E. H. & W. B. Turner who, in turn, contacted the law firm of Goodykoontz & Slaven in Williamson in an attempt to collect the \$35.00 due to Ingle-Schierloh company.



PREMIUM COAL COMPANY

INCORPORATED
PRODUCERS OF "PREMIUM" WINIFREDE
WILLIAMSON, WEST VIRGINIA
"IN THE HEART OF THE BILLION DOLLAR COALFIELD"

July 21st, 1926.

Ingle-Schierloh Co.,
4th Floor, Schwind Bldg.,
Dayton, Ohio.

Dear Sirs:-

Please enter our order for early delivery for:

1000 pieces Patented Metal Scrip, assorted as follows:

200 pieces	\$1.00
100 "	.50
100 "	.25
150 "	.10
150 "	.05
300 "	.01

Please make this all brass, as the copper "nickels" too closely resemble U. S. cents.

Make the wording on the face, PREMIUM COAL COMPANY, or PREMIUM COAL CO., Inc., (as convenient) Williamson, W. Va., and the wording on the reverse side identical with the enclosed sample.

We acquired the Kenner McCoy coal operation on June 1st, by purchase, and have been using the scrip you furnished him last August. He is planning to start up a nearby operation, however, and will need his scrip, hence we shall appreciate early shipment of this order, on your regular terms.

Truly yours,

PREMIUM COAL COMPANY

Miner Temple
Secretary-Treasurer.

Goodykoontz & Slaven informed the plaintiff attorneys in Dayton that the officers of Premium had left town "between the suns" and there was nothing to collect, as debtors in the Williamson area had taken everything the company had. They advised Goodykoontz & Slaven to cease efforts to collect. The Ingle-Schierloh Company attorneys did advise them to that effect, and the company destroyed the dies from which the scrip was made and closed the books on Premium Coal.

Premium operated only a few days and had no money except a small amount advanced to them by a coal agency which was brokering their coal.

Which brings the questions—Where did the fifty cent and dollar pieces, which are relatively easy to find, come from? Did someone at Williamson pilfer the shipment or did Ingle-Schierloh later sell the scrip to someone else? Why are the other pieces so hard to find, when there were more pennies, nickels, and dimes made than halves and quarters?

I guess this is why makes scrip collecting so intriguing, and why we enjoy it so much!

Jim Lackey

Evidence to support these findings are to be found in the records of the Ingle-Schierloh Company, in the possession of the author.

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